

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The pending application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application ~~10/308,735~~ ~~entitled "A Surgical Instrument For Treating Female Urinary Stress Incontinence"~~ ~~filed on December 3, 2002.~~ 10/308,735, which issued on October 26, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,808,486, titled "Surgical Instrument for Treating Female Urinary Stress Incontinence."